

AMENDMENTSIn the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 15 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is related to the following commonly-assigned U.S. patents **applications**: U.S. Patent **Application** No. 6,614,785 ~~09/478,287~~, "AUTOMATIC PROPAGATION OF CIRCUIT INFORMATION IN A COMMUNICATION NETWORK," **filed** issued on September 2, 2003 ~~January 5, 2000~~; U.S. Patent **Application** No. 6,657,969 ~~09/343,122~~, "GENERATION OF DATA USED FOR NETWORK OPERATION," **filed** issued on December 2, 2003 ~~June 29, 1999~~; and U.S. Patent **Application** No. ~~09/274,078~~ 6,587,470, "FLEXIBLE CROSS-CONNECT WITH DATA PLANE," **filed** issued on ~~March 22, 1999~~ July 1, 2003. All of the aforementioned patents **applications** are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.